and enforcement of securities in cases of default, in order to enable the banks to realize their dues. RBI has issued revised guidelines for compromise settlement of chronic NPAs of Public Sector Banks on 29th January, 2003. These guidelines will coyer all NPAs in all sectors irrespective of the nature of business, which have become doubtful or loss as on 31st March 2000 with outstanding balance of Rs.10.00 crore and below.

(c) Ministry of Finance does not maintain list of defaulters of banks but details regarding defaulters is available on RBI's web site 'www.rbi.org.in'.

(d) No, Sir.

Task force on growth rate

43. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN :

SHRI N.R. DASARI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Task Force has been set up to make recommendations to achieve the 8 per cent growth target during the Tenth Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) No Sir. As per the information available from the Planning Commission, no task force has been set up to make recommendations to achieve the 8 per cent growth target.

Guidelines issued by CBDT

44. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any instructions/guidelines issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes, regarding filing of second appeal in income tax and wealth tax cases before the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these instructions/guidelines have been violated and superfluous and unnecessary appeals are being filed which increase workload of appellate authorities;

(d) the number of such cases during the last two years and action taken, if any, against those responsible therefor; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to ensure that such appeals are not filed in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PADYESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) CBDT has issued Instruction No,. 1979 and 1985 dated 27-3-2000 and 29.6.2000 respectively regarding filing of second appeal in Income-tax and Wealth tax cases before Income-tax Appellate Tribunal. Further Instruction No. 6/2003 dated 17th July, 2003 was issued to clarify Instruction No. 1979 and Instruction No. 1985.

(c) Appeals are permitted to be filed below the prescribed limits/ amounts in case it involves an issue of notification, instruction or circular of CBDT or where prosecution has been filed/is contemplated or constitutional validity of a provision is challenged or where an audit objection is raised. Instances of violations have not come to notice. In case it happens, appropriate action will be taken.

(d) and (e) In view of (c) above, questions do not arise.

Collection of taxes by States

45. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received suggestions from State Government to pass on 50 per cent of taxes it collects to the States from the present share of 29.5 per cent; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Yes, Sir, several States have requested the Centre in the past to enhance the share of States in Central taxes as against what has been recommended by the Eleventh Finance Commission.

(b) The Eleventh Finance Commission, keeping in view the holistic assessment of the resources and requirements of the Centre and States,